



Routine Coliform Monitoring Requirements

Group A public water systems are required to perform routine coliform monitoring. The minimum number of samples required each calendar month depends on the type of water system, how many people are served, and the source of the water. A month’s population is the total number of residential and non-residential users. The population, number of connections, and the assigned coliform monitoring schedule for your water system can be found on your Water Facilities Inventory form.

A noncommunity water system serving less than 25 people per month that uses only protected groundwater sources may have a reduced monitoring schedule. A reduced monitoring schedule is not possible for a water system that is served by a surface water source or a groundwater source influenced by surface water.

The table below lists the minimum number of routine samples required for community, nontransient noncommunity, and transient noncommunity water systems. Refer to the table in WAC 246-290-300 if your water system is larger than listed below.

Population Served During the Month	Monthly Routine Samples	Number of Routine Samples If coliform presence found in previous month
0	0*	
1 - 1,000	1	5
1,001 – 2,500	2	5
2,501 – 3,300	3	5
3,301 – 4,100	4	5
4,101 – 4,900	5	5
4,901 – 5,800	6	6
5,801 – 6,700	7	7
6,701 – 7,600	8	8
7,601 – 8,500	9	9

* Monitoring is not required for a calendar month when a water system does not serve water to any customers. If this is due to unusual circumstances, contact your Office of Drinking Water regional office. If your water system remains open during a month it is normally closed, sampling is required according to the above table.



For more information

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